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Officers Elected

The Conference Moderator for the coming year will be Mrs. Gail Cleland, who was Assistant Moderator last year and who has been active as Literature Secretary in the Federation. The Assistant Moderator will be Rev. T. T. Giffen of Oakland. Rev. Norman Henderson of Fresno was elected preacher for the next annual meeting, and Rev. J. H. Bennett of Campbell the alternate preacher. Superintendent Harley H. Gill will be the delegate to the State Church Federation and Fraternal Delegate to the Southern California Conference. Rev. Gail Cleland will represent us to the Anti-Saloon League, Rev. G. E. Atkinson to the State Christian Endeavor Unjon, and Rev. Ralph C. Waddell to the Northern California Council of Religious Education. Mrs. Lawrence Wilson was elected delegate to the National Council in place of Mrs. John R. Hahn, removed.

The Visitors to the Pacific School of Religion will be: Rev. Huber Burr, Rev. Ernest Houlding, and Rev. J. H. McCartney.

The Conference voted to continue the Commission of Education on the Evils of Alcohol, with the following persons as members: Rev. Norman Pendleton, Rev. Gail Cleland, Rev. Henry Stauffer, Rev. Lawrence Wilson, Rev. N. B. Henderson, Mrs. C. J. Hawkins, Mrs. W. R. Thorsen and Rev. Harley H. Gill.

The Committee on Religious Work at the University of California will be: Rev. O. W. S. McCall, Rev. T. T. Giffen, Mrs. E. B. Mead, Mrs. Frank Irwin, Rev. H. F. Swartz, Rev Harley H. Gill, Mr. Robert E. Stone, Rev. E. W. Benedict and Rev. J. H. Bennett.

Seven members were named in the class of 1936 for the Board of Directors: Rev. Lawrence Wilson, Mr. George S. Martin, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Mrs. Gail Cleland, Mrs. Frank J. Greene, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce and Miss Helen Perkins. The hold-over members of the Board are: Class of 1934: Rev. Harvey V. Miller, Rev. Ralph C. Waddell, Rev. T. T. Giffen, Mrs. E. V. Krick, Mrs. C. T. Tinker, Rev. W. W. Furze, and Rev. E. T Sherman; Class of 1935: Mr. E. W. Ehmann, Rev. Benjamin Gould, Dr. O. L. Elliott, Mrs. T. E. Borden, Rev. O. W. S. McCall, Rev. N. B. Henderson and Mrs. H. F. Swartz.

At the first meeting of the new board Rev. Noel J. Breed was re-elected President and Mrs. C. T. Tinker Vice-President. The other members of the Executive Committee are: Rev. Ralph C. Waddell, Rev. T. T. Giffen, Mrs. E. V. Krick, Rev. Benjamin Gould, Rev. O. W. S. McCall, Rev. N. B. Henderson, Mrs. H. F Swartz, Mrs. Frank J. Greene and Rev. Jason Noble Pierce.

It is suggested that this list be preserved for reference until the new directory is published next spring.

JOKING ASIDE

Why not send PACIFIC subscriptions to your friends instead of Christmas greetings? The PACIFIC office will send an appropriate note conveying greetings to those for whom you subscribe.

AS THE SUPERINTENDENT SEES IT

(Excerpts from the Report of Superintendent Harley H. Gill, Given at the Fresno Conference)

The tide is always running out somewhere, but it is also coming in elsewhere. The tide has been running out with some of our churches. . . . But the tide is coming in at other points. This year two splendid small churches have been recognized, both born of devotion of pastors serving almost without pay—Cramer at Ambrose, and Rollins at Pescadero—and the results are most encouraging. The Arlington Avenue Fellowship House is meeting a real need and is receiving substantial community support. Rio Vista has had what amounts to a revival, and despair has turned to great enthusiasm. An altogether new spirit is prevading some of our larger churches. First, Berkeley, was sharply awakened by the threatened loss of Dr. O. W. S. McCall, and our First Churches of Oakland and San Francisco are feeling the thrill of new leadership, both of them perfectly sure that they are again marching forward. Sacramento has enjoyed a great reinforcement through the organization of a Junior Church with nearly 100 young people. The Hip Woo School has by far the largest attendance of its history. The Methodists have judged it to be so worthwhile, that even in these days of retrenchment, they have asked to be reincluded as supporters. Berkeley Chinese has increased membership, expanded its program and improved its property. Time forbids the mention of many others making equally encouraging progress.

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There are those who insist that the church is a luxury, that it is always supported out of surplus, and that we are due for a further decline in our support and a long period of greatly reduced income. If that is true, if the Church of Jesus Christ is not a necessity, if it belongs to the outer edge instead of the very center of life, if it is something that people can't afford in the hour of difficulty instead of that which they cannot afford to do without, we had better fold up the whole enterprise.

But, my brethren, I am persuaded that these writers who love to think of themselves as interpreters of our modern age, are blind to whole areas of human life and interest. They simply do not know the church. They may know some churches and church men, but they do not know the courage, loyalty and sacrifice at the very heart of our cause. If the church is supported only out of surplus and luxury, I ask them to explain the survival of Christianity during Boxer and Armenian persecutions. I asked them to account for St. Francis, and St. Paul, for the missionaries in foreign fields today; yes, and for thousands of our people, laymen and ministers, who are standing bravely by their tasks.

Furthermore, let it be proclaimed from the housetops, that the church is coming through this depression far better than business is doing. Now and then a church closes its doors, but, behold, the scores of thousands of banks that have gone to the wall. Very occasionally a church defaults its interest, but count, if you can, the railroads, and apartment houses, and business buildings, and factories that have defaulted. The churches and mission boards have reduced their staffs of workers, but that accounts for a mighty small proportion of the 13,000,000 unemployed.

To those who know the church, this showing is not surprising, for our chief concern is not the getting for ourselves, but only giving and there never needs to be a moratorium in that. Just as much peace is available for turbulent souls, just as much comfort for those who mourn, no less justice to rebuke the proud and hearten oppressed, never more courage to be dispensed than now, just as much forgiveness and helpfulness and love, just as much hope and joy, and it is all ours to give. Inexhaustible resources, undiminished as they are given, always increasing as we spread them. Thank God for the churches.

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One marvels at times because of the faith and devotion of our pastors . . Over and over again I have heard it, "This is a time for us to show what Christianity is like." So these men are staying at their tasks, making common cause with and sharing the lot of their people. Taking advantage of the smashing of the material standards of our civilization, they are driving home the truths of the social gospel and giving out of their own broken hearts and hopes, that which brings strength and healing to others. God grant that when days of prosperity return, if they ever do, our laymen will remember what has been done, and will not delay in restoring adequate salaries.

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No church, however large, dares to be indifferent to the smallest home missionary parish of this state. Just as the waters from springs and rivulets in the great Sierra range, find their way to the Bay, so the back country and its churches are being drained of youth by our larger centers. The churches of tomorrow in our cities depends on the church of today in our rural sections. The resources of our church life must not be permitted to dry up. More important than this is the spiritual poverty of the church which does not have a world view and interest.

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The annual per capita amount given for missions even in the palmiest days is so small, and forms such an inconsequential part of the expenditures of our people, that I do not believe there is a real reason for this tragic decline. Five cents per week per member was about the highest point. In 1932 it was 3.7 cents, and by the end of this year it will be less than 3 cents, unless there is heroic work done in the next two and a half months. Few in this company visit more homes than I do, and it is my profound conviction that our people could give double the amount for benevolences than they ever have given,

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Reports Tell Us

A casual examination of the sheaf of reports placed in the hands of delegates to the annual Conference reveals many interesting facts:

In 1932, 761 members were received into our churches on Confession of Faith.

The gain in total members for the year 1932 was 418.

Twenty-six churches gained from 5 to 25 members; two gained from 26 to 50 members; two between 51 and 99; and two more than a hundred.

The Superintendent delivered 58 sermons and 43 addreses during the year, and was actually in touch with 85 out of the 103 churches of the Conference.

The deficit on September 30th for the first six months of the fiscal year of the Conference and Home Missionary Society amounted to $3,104.39, and the Ministers' Relief Society, $333.12.

The amount budgeted for this year for missionary aid is $9,236, as against $11,700, a year ago.

Twenty-one ministers or their widows receive help from our Relief Society.

Eleven district counselors have been appointed by the Committee on Religious Education and Young People's Work. Practically every district has some sort of rally or institute during the year.

The change of percentages of distribution of apportionment adopted last April by the Board of Directors was approved and the continuance of the present percentages for next year was authorized. The percentages are: Conference work, 52%; Ministers' Relief, 3%; Home Boards 18%; American Boards, 27%.

Visitors to the Pacific School of Religion recommended a Chair of Social Philosophy to meet the destructive forces of paganism and to give wise direction to the enduring principles of the social gospel.

Three hundred and seventy-five Christian Endeavor societies were organized or reorganized in California last year. There is a total in the State of 2,109 societies with over 36,000 members.

Attendance of students of the University of California at Plymouth House has been almost trebled in a year. Since the opening of the seminary, nearly 250 students have taken part in some activity at the house.

More than fifty speakers have been sent to women's societies by the Federation of Congregational Women. In Northern California there are over 300 members of the Prayer Guild.

GERMAN Y. P. RALLY

The Christian Endeavor societies and Sunday Schools of the German Congregational Churches held their Fall Rally and Mission Festival at the German Church in Dinuba on Sunday, October 29th. As is usual among the German young people, the rally was attended by a throng of several hundred. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Warner of New York were present and spoke briefly at the afternoon sessions and Superintendent Harley H. Gill was a speaker in the evening. The Spring Convention will be held at the Free Cross Church in Fresno.

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DR. PALMER COMES HOME

Rev. Albert W. Palmer, D.D., president of Chicago Theological Seminary, was the guest of the State Conference and gave two inspiring addresses and led one helpful round table for the pastors. Dr. Palmer has been remarkably successful as a pastor, dealing with people who have been sick either in body or mind. From the storehouse of his experience he gave his brother pastors many incidents revealing the technique of pastoral work that takes account of psychology as well as religion.

In his address on Wednesday evening he sounded a note of optimism. He believes that it is possible for us to have a friendly world, and would like to see our government spend in the cause of peace and understanding between nations an amount comparable to that which is spent for the War and Navy Departments.

His final address, on "What the Spirit Is Saying to the Churches Today," was a fitting climax and benediction to the three days. Dr. Palmer is greatly beloved by our people, both laymen and ministers, and we shall rejoice to have him with us again at some future time.

"GRAY GOOSE" ON WING

As The PACIFIC goes to press Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Warner, with their "Flying Goose," are carrying through their schedule of church visitation in Northern California. Beginning at Porterville and Tulare on the south, their itinerary will take them to Oroville in the north, visiting valley and mountain points en route. They will then turn in a southwesterly direction, reaching Sonoma County and the Bay area, then southerly, closing their work at Pacific Grove. They will speak in 24 churches, but will reach 28 additional churches which are sending delegations to the points actually visited. Mrs. Warner, ordinarily, will speak in the afternoons to women's groups, and Mr. Warner will show his moving pictures of countries visited in the evenings. It is a great delight to our California churches to have the visit of this distinguished couple and to feel the enthusiasm which their contact engenders.

YOSEMITE CHURCH REPORT

The Yosemite National Park church has issued its annual report. The total attendance for all services was nearly 32,000, an increase of nearly 10,000 over last year. In addition to the regular work in the valley, Sunday School services were conducted at Wawona. The most notable piece of work was among eight C.C.C. camps in and about the Park. While Park travel decreased 20 per cent, church attendance moved up. Rev. James Asa White is the pastor of the church. Our Congregational fellowship is represented on the board by Rev. Norman B. Henderson of Fresno.

From the Sidelines

Registration fees were paid for a total of 375 delegates. Of this number 221 actually came to the desk and checked in.

Eureka, Likely, Alturas, Adin, and Weaverville were all represented. The distance traveled by these delegates was not far from 500 miles.

Rev. J. E. Enman is getting the habit. This is the second year he has served in a most acceptable manner as scribe and he does not ask for an assistant.

Rev. Jason Noble Pierce of First Church, San Francisco, spoke at the weekly chapel service of the Fresno State College on Wednesday noon.

Rev. Horton Colbert, pastor of Pilgrim Church, Oakland, was the speaker at the regular weekly broadcast of the Fresno Bee station.

Superintendent E. D. Gaylord of the Southern California Conference and Rev. and Mrs. Ernest E. Day of Whittier, were welcome visitors from the South.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Warner were present through a large portion of the Conference and became acquainted with delegates and pastors of many places which they will visit in their tour.

The women of the Pilgrim Church served three dinners for the convenience of the delegates. Not a few had their first taste of Armenian dishes.

Wednesday night was International Night. The great Armenian Church was filled. Mr. T. T. Taam, pastor of our Chinese Church in Berkeley, was one of the speakers. The choirs of three German churches furnished excellent music. Rev. Albert W. Palmer spoke on "Can we Build a Friendly World?"

In all of its 83 years of history, the Pacific has never had a more enthusiastic boost than was given by Rev. Jason Noble Pierce at the banquet. He is a combination of an auctioneer and an old time exhorter. He knows how to extract subscriptions and keep people happy.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Richards of Hawaii were welcome visitors through out the Conference. Both have been very prominent in the affairs of the Hawaiian board for many years.

Eureka, Sacramento, and San Francisco all presented invitations for the next year's Conference. The general session found it difficult to decide, so passed the buck to the Board of Directors. San Francisco will be the place.

SILENCE IN HEAVEN

The annual sermon preached at the State Conference by Rev. Lawrence Wilson of Sacramento was most timely. His theme was, "The Gospel for a Period of Suspense," and he took his text from the Book of Revelation: "And there was silence in Heaven for about the space of half an hour."

Mr. Wilson drew from history many incidents showing the keen anticipation which people have had in an hour of crisis that there would be some divine manifestation, but there would be silence in heaven until man had prepared himself for the solution of his problems. Even Jesus in Gethsemane, when praying that the cup might pass from Him, found silence in heaven until He could say, "Nevertheless, not My will but Thine be done," and on the cross there was a time when He cried out, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?", but the silence in heaven was not for long, and then Jesus could say, "Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit." We are in a period of suspense today and heaven for the time being is silent, but it will only be, comparatively speaking, for the space of about a half an hour. Whenever men are willing to accept the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all of its far-reaching implications, then will the windows of heaven be opened and God will manifest Himself.

Following the sermon, Rev. Thomas T. Giffen of Oakland spoke beautifully in appreciation of five ministers of our fellowship who had passed into the other room of the Father's house during the past year; L. P. Armstrong, Charles H. Cleaves, William J. Johnson, Clarence H. Stevens, and Edward D. Weage. Dr. Giffen then led in a Conference Communion Service. Six pastors served as deacons.

"VALOR OF THE SOUL"

The Committee on Manual of Devotions made a most happy and appropriate report at Fresno in the form of an attractively printed book entitled, "The Valor of the Soul." The manuscript prepared by the committee was accepted by the national Commission on Evangelism and becomes volume three of a series of devotional books. There is one page of devotional material for each day of the three month's period. Needless to say, the Northern California Conference is proud of the work of this committee, and commends the book to pastors and people who are seeking a guide for their lives. The Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Building, is prepared to furnish as many copies as desired at 16 cents each, including tax.

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without reducing their standard of living one iota. There are, of course, some exceptions, but they are probably among those who have already given far beyond the amount suggested. The whole question is really whether they know about this enterprise and then REALLY CARE.

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In the Congregationalist is a remark concerning Dr. Stanley Jones by a Hindu, "If what the speaker has said is not true then it doesn't matter, but if what he has said is true, then nothing else matters." If this religion of ours is not true, or if we do not care much about it, well, it doesn't matter; but if it is true, and if we mean what we say, then nothing else really matters. The Religion of Jesus is the biggest, the most potent thing in the world, or it is nothing. It may be costly business, but let us challenge our people to put this Gospel of ours into the very center of life, and see what it will accomplish in and through them, and us all. Our own Dr. Walter Judd of China has said: "I am dead sure now that there is no other way for the Kingdom of God to come, except by the way of the Cross. The way of love works, but it is the way of the Cross. We just can't stop short of the cross. But let no man hesitate," and, my brethren, the way of the Cross is the way of giving to the uttermost.

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After 87 years of living, laboring, and loving, our own sainted W. J. Johnson left us this great expression of faith: "Let us still keep our faith in God as the simplest, clearest, mightiest, outstandingest thing in our lives. What matters it that storms come and disaster threatens and hell cries out against us? God is mightier than any storm that blows or any disaster that threatens, and nearer to us than hell itself."

STOP THE DROP

According to the figures of the Conference bookkeeper, a total of $2,480.34 was received for benevolences during the month of October. This is considerably below the receipts for October a year ago. The loss for the first ten months of the year is $3,751.96, or about 15 per cent. We are still ahead of the country at large. At the end of September the national figures showed a loss of about 29 per cent. Only two months remain in which to gather and remit the end of the year gifts, which will turn disaster into victory. Let every interested worker do his or her utmost in gathering the dollar cards and in securing special contributions from individuals and organizations. Below will be found the receipts for October from the different churches and also for the year up to October 31st. For purposes of comparison, the figures of a year ago are also included:

	October 1933	Jan. 11 to Oct. 31 1933	Jan. 11 to Oct. 31 1932
Adin	$ 32.36	$ 92.79	$ 96.81
Alameda	126.13	224.94	275.00
Alturas	.....	8.50	20.00
Angel's Camp	20.00	60.00	50.00
Antioch	.....	19.77	24.32
Auburn	.....	18.50	.....
Benicia	.....	7.00	25.50
Berkeley—			
First	645.00	5,806.00	5,626.08
North	125.03	696.33	908.93
Park	.....	35.35	69.85
Campbell	20.00	210.00	140.00
Ceres	.....	39.54	210.00
Cloverdale	.....	73.16	126.16
Cotati	8.55	64.00	68.76
Crockett	10.16	65.11	114.25
Eureka	15.75	70.80	62.78
Fairfax	10.00	70.00	45.00
Ferndale	.....	250.55	191.56
Fowler	.....	10.00	.....
Fresno, First	37.50	159.10	313.26
Glen Ellen	5.00	5.00	8.00
Grass Valley	.....	.....	10.38
Guerneville	.....	.....	35.00
Kenwood	11.15	27.28	38.06
Lodi, First	.....	592.00	915.00
Loomis	.....	.....	10.00
Martinez	.....	22.10	132.06
Murphy	.....	40.00	40.00
Oakland—			
First	120.50	4,256.95	5,178.00
Fruitvale	1.00	5.00	.....
Japanese	5.00	5.00	.....
Plymouth	.....	578.50	1,078.70
Pilgrim	.....	.....	25.45
Oroville	.....	.....	65.00
Pacific Grove	16.60	270.05	314.85
Palo Alto	150.00	775.00	1,641.85
Paradise	15.00	68.00	112.50
Pescadero	10.00	10.00	5.00
Petaluma	152.71	615.88	570.25
Pittsburg	.....	34.88	62.73
Porterville	.....	15.00	38.33
Redwood City	.....	335.00	396.85
Rio Vista	5.00	5.00	.....
Ripon	5.00	50.00	52.50
Salida	25.00	32.00	31.00
Sacramento	.....	606.45	743.00
San Carlos	5.00	5.00	.....
San Francisco—			
Bethany-			
Mission Pk.	.....	140.50	230.00
Calvary	.....	10.00	.....
First	165.00	1,102.05	50.00
Ocean View	.....	10.00	25.00
Richmond	.....	33.00	45.00
San Jose	.....	553.95	897.85
San Leandro—			
Broadmoor	26.20	26.20	118.61
Santa Cruz	185.00	611.00	550.00
Santa Rosa	.....	135.64	205.90
Saratoga	100.00	350.00	500.00
Sebastopol	26.40	125.91	70.94
Sonoma	.....	65.00	72.23
Soquel	.....	14.00	.....
Stockton	234.42	736.71	1,081.00
Suisun	.....	30.00	50.00
Sunnyvale	5.80	17.70	23.80
Tulare	60.00	220.00	258.25
Weaverville	5.00	43.75	41.25
Woodside	.....	73.00	104.50
Reno, Nevada	.....	257.86	369.75
Miscellaneous	95.08	345.47	432.38
	$2,480.34	$21,237.27	$24,989.23

NEW SLIDES

The San Francisco office now has two sets of slides on the Philippine Islands. We have recently received "Voyaging Among the Philippines" in exchange for "With the Boys and Girls Abroad." The Boston office has sent us a set never located here before: "Daybreak, A Romance of Africa," a set consisting of 88 slides.

NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

PETALUMA. The church and the entire community of Petaluma will sustain a severe loss with the departure of Dr. Noel J. Breed. The first reaction of profound dismay felt by the congregation, to whom Dr. Breed has so endeared himself, is giving place to a determination to "carry on," as a testimonial to the vitality of his ministry, and in a humble attempt to match his steadfast devotion to the Spirit from which the church is born.

On October 29th, thirty-five members of the choir drove to Lodi to give a concert at the Congregational Church in that city. The Lodi choir entertained the Petaluma choir at dinner.

BERKELEY, KENSINGTON. The total enrollment of the Sunday School is now 110, and the average attendance for October was 85. The total attendance of all groups using the building for the month was 1,045. The young people's group meeting Sunday evening has an average attendance of 25, and a Junior group is being organized to meet at 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. The Congregational Ministers' Wives' Club held their meeting at the house on October 10th. New curtains are being provided. Mr. and Mrs. John H. Gregg are in charge.

LODI. At a rally of the Junior Christian Endeavor Societies of San Joaquin County, Lodi church tied for the attendance place with 100 per cent. The church recently enjoyed an evening of music by the Petaluma choir. Each member of this church has been asked to sign a pledge of loyalty to attend one service of worship each Sunday. A hundred and twenty signed the first Sunday it was presented, and a campaign was launched to be known as "Neglected Interest Recovery Act" (NIRA) to enlist those who were not present. Rev. E. T. Sherman is the pastor.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. Through the generosity of one of our Pacific subscribers, the much-needed organ for the Primary Department is installed. It is a beautiful instrument and will add much to the effectiveness of the program. There is still a deficit on the paint which was used to put the building in condition, and so far nothing has been received for the boys who did the work. The Conference office will be grateful for contributions.

SOQUEL. Splendid congregations were present at the Rally Day for Sunday School and morning worship, with programs given by the children and young people. Two babies were christened and four new members received into the church. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is the pastor.

PESCADERO. Forty-four were in attendance at the Rally Day, the highest yet, with fourteen kept home by sickness who are in attendance regularly. Each child and young person received a Bible and story book. Rev. J. L. Rollins is the pastor.

STOCKTON. During the interim between the pastorates of Rev. John R. Hahn and Rev. Noel J. Breed, the pulpit has been supplied in a most acceptable manner by Rev. H. H. Wolford.

BERKELEY, PARK. The month of October was the banner month in congregations during the three years in which Rev. Tom Watt, the pastor, has been on the field.

MODOC INDIAN. On the evening of October 25th dinner was served at the Mission House, with six Indian men and their wives and the government nurse and Miss Coxhead in attendance. Following the dinner a council meeting was held, in which it was agreed that the Indians themselves would keep the Mission House in order and furnish fuel. Through the co-operation of Rev. H. J. Loken of the Alturas church, picture entertainments are given to the Indians from time to time. About thirty were in attendance at the last church service. During the month of October three services were held in Alturas, two in Canby, and five at Fort Bidwell.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. A camp of C.C.C. boys is now located at Murphy and on a recent Sunday evening fifty attended the Christian Endeavor meeting, many of them remaining for the regular service of worship and a few attending Sunday School in the morning. One boy asked for a Bible, saying that he had left his at home, and our pastor, Rev. J. T. Munton, was happy to supply him with one. The attendance at the Angels' Camp Sunday School continues to increase, so that 100 is now the goal. Seven children were baptized the last Sunday in October.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Christianity for our day is being presented by Rev. Horton Colbert in his Sunday morning sermons. During October he discussed such things as "The Ills of Our Age," "The Disease of War," "Rationalized Materialism," and "The Revolt of the Masses." A Twenty-Thirty group has been formed, consisting of young people between the ages of twenty and thirty. The campaign for One Hundred Days of Thoughtful Giving is resulting not only in increased financial returns, but in a deepening interest in the whole program of the church.

OROVILLE. Under the leadership of Rev. W. E. Eckles, this church has three objectives for the fall: (1) A revision of the roll, which has been needed for some time; (2) a thoroughgoing financial canvass; and (3) adequate preparation for the annual meeting, including the careful enlistment of leaders for the various departments. The attendance at services of worship and Sunday School has been encouraging.

FAIRFAX. The pastor of this church —Rev. James W. Price—is rendering service to a camp of C.C.C. boys near at hand. Reading matter is being supplied and the young people are providing opportunities for sociability. A mid-week Bible class has been organized.

OAKLAND, FIRST. A young people's inter-racial institute was held early in October, with entertainment by members of various races, short talks on race problems, followed by group discussion. Chinese, Japanese, Filipinos, and Negroes were guests of the First Church young people.

EUREKA. Rev. C. H. Hudson has again led his people in improving the building, with volunteer labor. This time the basement floor of the church has been greatly improved by volunteer painters and decorators.

ALAMEDA. Rev. Gail Cleland, the pastor, is publishing a history of this church in the weekly bulletin, each week bringing out an installment.

Stockton Calls Dr. Breed

Immediately after the resignation of Rev. John R. Hahn, the Stockton Church began negotiations with Rev. Noel J. Breed of Petaluma. Dr. Breed was invited to meet with the cabinet of the Stockton Church, following which the church itself extended to him a most enthusiastic call. Dr. Breed, who has enjoyed an unusually happy pastorate at Petaluma, found the decision difficult to make, but finally accepted the call and will take up his duties in Stockton on November 5th.

Dr. Breed is a graduate of the Pacific School of Religion, and holds his Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of California. He has been pastor at Hayward, at San Francisco Richmond, at Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, at Hastings, Nebraska, and for the past six years at Petaluma. He has served as Moderator of the State Conference, and at the present time is President of its Board of Directors.

Mr. Dexter Resigns

After serving as Conference treasurer for nearly two and a half years, Mr. David H. Dexter has declined to accept reelection. Mr. Dexter accepted the treasurership in an emergency following the death of Foster P. Cole. During the period of his service he has given valuable and faithful attention to the duties of his office. In addition to serving as treasurer, he has been on the finance committee, the tasks of which have been exacting and difficult. The Conference as a whole and the office staff in particular, regret Mr. Dexter's resignation and wish to publicly thank him for what he has done.

RIPON. Large and appreciative delegations attended the meetings at Salida held by Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Warner, thereby gaining a better understanding of our missionary work. The Christian Endeavor Society has been reorganized with attendance reaching about 25. A Junior Christian Endeavor Society, under the leadership of Miss Dorothy Plum is making a splendid showing. The Sunday School and all departments of the church are in a healthy condition. Church attendance is increasing. Rev. E. L. Spuller is the pastor.

OAKLAND, CALVARY. The special committee appointed by the council held in this church, has recommended to the church that Mr. Cyril M. Hicks of the Pacific School of Religion be called as pastor. Mr. Hicks supplied the church during the summer, and was instrumental in the formation of a splendid young people's society. First Church, San Francisco, has released him from its educational program that he may undertake the work at Calvary.

COTATI. The church has recently built an apartment in one end of the Parish House for the use of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Gabrielson to spend the week-end on the field. Once a month motion pictures are shown in the hall under the auspices of the young people's society. New hymn books have been recently purchased.

BIG VALLEY. The new Sunday School is progressing at Nubieber. Plans are afoot for a community building, which will furnish a meeting place. The Adin Church is using the proceeds of a dinner, which was attended by 125 persons, for the benevolence budget. Rev. Westwood Wallace the pastor, will probably take over the religious work at Hackamore C. C. C. camp for the winter.

Youth and Religion

Miss Marjorie Smith was one of three young people from Park Congregational Church, Berkeley, to speak at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Oakland, during the city-wide rally. The Pacific is happy to present to its readers selections from Miss Smith's very helpful address:

The position of the younger generation of today is one of difficult transition. We have probably been the cause of more controversy, criticism and concern among our elders than we feel is our due. Young people are eager for their religion to have a rational and scientific basis, and this has not been afforded them.

The church has sought to answer the spiritual need of the younger generation by the establishment of organizations especially for them. It has been a fine thing, but as time goes on there has been more and more emphasis placed on the social side of these meetings; they are not sufficiently devotional. Furthermore, their activities have become too much apart from the real working church, causing young people to forsake their affiliation with the church. It is the church's responsibility to bring about a unification of purpose and the establishment of a pathway upon which all, regardless of age, might travel in the spirit of divine Brotherhood toward the Supreme Goal.

It is of the utmost importance to the world as a whole that religion shall be instilled in its people when they are young. It is then that their characters are being formed and high ideals inspired by religious convictions can do wonders toward the strengthening of character. The result will be the stabilization of the moral standards of the younger generation. We will be better prepared and more able to cope with life's problems.

Institute on Personal Religion

A two-day institute for young people, to discover the meaning and value of personal religion, will be held at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, Thursday and Friday, December 28 and 29, under the auspices of the Conference Committee on Religious Education and Young People's Work. The Conference will begin Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, and will close Friday at 9:00 P. M. There will be a registration fee of 15 cents. Overnight entertainment will be provided as far as possible.

District Counsellors

The following persons have been appointed for the various Associations as Counsellors for young peoples' work:

East Bay, Mr. Glenn Corbin; West Bay, Rev. James H. Price; Santa Clara, Rev. J. H. Bennett and Rev. N. W. Pendleton; Central, Mrs. L. M. Drury; Sonoma, Miss Frederica Coggeshall; Sacramento Valley, Mrs. L. A. Wilson; German, Mrs. Peter Preis; San Joaquin, Rev. N. B. Henderson; Modoc, Rev. Westwood Wallace; Humboldt, Rev. C. H. Hudson; Upper Bay, Mrs. LaVeta Byerrum.

It is suggested that each Association appoint a committee on Religious Education upon nomination by their counsellor, to work with him (or her) in the Young Peoples' Work.

OAKLAND, BETHANY. The third anniversary of the organization of the church was celebrated by a musical program and social, with an attendance of 140. Rev. V. H. Yessayan is the minister.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. Chauncey J. Hawkins

The Executive Meeting of the Women's Federation is held the third Thursday of every month at 10:15 A. M., in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, unless otherwise stated.

Federation Echoes

The Women's Federation gatherings in Fresno, October 18th, were unusually successful and well-attended, the spirit of co-operation among the Armenian, German and Japanese churches most cordial and happy. Mrs. M. G. Papazian and Mrs. N. B. Henderson, pastors' wives of the entertaining churches, were most gracious and hearty in their welcome. Baskets of luscious fruit found their way to the room of every Federation officer. The warm fellowship—note the word "warm," for it can be taken literally, both as regards to friendliness and climate—was a most heartening feature, Japanese, Germans and Armenians all combining to make the occasion memorable.

"Believe it or not," but the Free Cross German Congregational Church in Fresno is the largest Congregational church in the state.

Noteworthy Addresses

Mrs. Charles T. Tinker, our President, presided at the afternoon session of the Federation, introducing as the first speaker Dr. Clarence Reidenbach, of First Church, Oakland. The three key words he chose in his address were Life—Love—God. God, he said, is the greatest fact of all life, and we should practise the presence of God, not in isolation, but as we go about our daily tasks, at home, in the office, on the street.

Mrs. Lillian Bray Hill, of the State Board of Education, speaking on migratory work in California, said the state had adopted the standard that every child coming into California is entitled to all that every other child has, in the line of education and environment. Formerly the migratory child attended school from 8 to 12 a. m., then worked in the field from 12 o'clock until dark. In Los Angeles County 85 per cent of those receiving state aid are Mexican and migrant workers. During the first eight months of 1933 over 12,000 Mexicans were repatriated and their places filled by Americans. There are nearly 37,000 migrant children of school age registered in California.

Mrs. Franklin Warner, who will be heard in churches all over our state, spoke on Our Part in the Changing World, contrasting past with present conditions, showing that all great advances began with idealists, although they were termed cranks or fanatics. Later these small groups of thinkers became popular and their aims were adopted by larger groups. "It takes at least two generations to effect a spiritual change, one to conceive an ideal and one to work it out. Jesus was a dreamer and visualized a world that was to become a brotherhood of love. To effect any change there must first be an absorbed person, eaten up with an idea."

WE THANK YOU!

Thanks are due to many, but especially to Mrs. Herman F. Swartz, who was chairman of the Program Committee that arranged this Fall meeting.

Have you read Pearl Buck's article in the October "Forum," on her viewpoints on religion? It is well worth your perusal and may shed light on some of your own problems.

Reports From Afar

Two admirable reports were given by the Humboldt and Modoc Association Presidents. Mrs. C. H. Hudson of Eureka reported 100 active women in the Eureka church; boxes valued at over $15 sent out; Thank Offering receipts $40, gifts for benevolences $35, with a new project among the Indians of Table Bluff. This year the Eureka women have earned $501, turning into the local church expenses $305. Their quota is filled and they could have undertaken more. The Ferndale women, with thirty or forty members, have always overpaid their budgets and this year have raised $266. The women at Loleta have recently formed an organization.

The loyal members of the Modoc Association who attended the meeting were obliged to travel nearly 500 miles in order to reach Fresno. The three societies in this Association are widely separated, forty miles between Adin and Alturas, twenty miles from Alturas to Likely. Mrs. L. C. Smith, Association President, reported that the church at Adin with only twelve active out of twenty members of the women's society, had completed their quota of $50 and raised $150 for church benevolences. At Alturas since January, 1933, the women have pledged and raised $5 a month for church expenses. At Likely a "Tinker" Club of seven members, imbued with the spirit of our President, has joined the Federation and is yearning for a quota.

All success to these two Associations and their energetic Presidents who have accomplished so much.

Happy Occasions

The International Luncheon at First Church, with Mrs. Norman Henderson presiding and Mrs. M. G. Papazian welcoming the women, was splendidly carried out. The women of different nationalities, dressed in colorful and attractive native costumes, united in serving the dishes of their own countries as a part of the menu and in rendering songs in their own language.

The Tea and Reception at Mrs. Henderson's home, with its cool and attractive garden, its open house and pretty girls to serve refreshments, were most delightful.

SPECIAL NOTICE

There was an error in the last issue of The Pacific. The Executive Board meeting omitted was the one which would have come in October. The November meeting will be held as usual on the third Thursday, November 16th.

EXTRA REPORTS

The Conference office has on hand a good many extra copies of the mimeographed book of reports made to the annual Conference in Fresno. It will be glad to furnish a copy free to any person interested, upon the receipt of the postage: 12 cents.

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'SWEEPING THE COBWEBS'

Does the best part of your life seem to be in the past, and do your thoughts continually enjoy dwelling on the "good old days" that never will return?

No, this is no advertisement of a face cream or soap, guaranteed to remove the trace of every wrinkle, but it is written to recommend a book—two in fact—that will make every woman not only more efficient in the home, but double her effectiveness as a church, club, or community worker, as well as broaden her interests and enlarge her sympathies.

The book is a 1933 Macmillan publication; the name "Sweeping the Cobwebs," and written by that 83-year-young author, Dr. Lillian J. Martin, in collaboration with Clare deGruchy.

Dr. Martin, who retired from the Stanford Faculty (Department of Psychology) at the age of 65, is herself an outstanding example of what old age may do. She finds it a joy because she keeps it filled with productive toil, and in her new book she gives definite answers to thousands of inquiries as to how she maintains her independence and keeps mentally alert.

The "Ten Ethics Test" she propounds is most revealing in clarifying one's own views in regard to social values, and in addition quite embarrassing to one's ego. One amazing fact revealed by Dr. Martin in questioning several hundred people regarding their daily budgeting of time was that not a single one referred to a daily period of meditation or reflection. May this omission not throw some light upon our present highly nervous condition and unrest, with possible suggestions for a solution?

Dr. Martin's previous book, "Salvaging Old Age" (a 1930 publication) is a most constructive, sympathetic and scientific analysis of this subject. Read this book, review it for your society, discover how self-centered you are, what forces motivate your life. These two books should not only help you to understand yourself better, but will point the way toward an enrichment of your mind and character through cultivating a wider range of interests in world problems.

Interesting Programs

"A New Day for Old Age"—four programs setting forth in a simple and interesting way the subject of old age pensions, one of the great social movements of our time. They show how modern industrial life is affecting those beyond 65 and what provision churches and other agencies are making to meet the problem. Excellent for use with home missionary study book. Price, 10 cents.

"Christmas Paths"—a dramatic exercise in which the entire Church School may take part if desired. It comes with full directions for presentation and original music, and introduces the shepherds, the wise men and the manger scene and shows the spirit of Christmas in the Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross.

"A Down-East Drama"—the adventures of five live boys and girls from Maine, as told in their mother's letters. Excellent reading for missionary meetings.

Copies may be ordered directly from the Congregational Pension Boards, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York, or through your Conference office, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

"More Things to Make"

Those who have used the suggestions in "Things to Make," by Charlotte Chambers Jones for hand work in the Sunday School or Vacation School, will hail with delight her new book, "More Things to Make." There are suggestions for children to use at home, especially for those who like to make gifts. It contains forty-three patterns: paper baskets, toys and furniture, calendars, posters, etc. Besides the general alphabetical and seasonal index, the book contains an index of patterns suitable for use with the Junior Graded Lessons, Courses IV, V, and VI, which will be of great help to the Junior Superintendents and the teachers. Superintendents and teachers will also be interested in the double page of costumes for Bible dramatizations. Orders may be sent to the Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Bldg. The price is $1.00.

"THE LINE SHALL NOT BREAK WHERE I STAND"

¶ Not even when the inevitable event takes me from the sight of friends, family and church!

¶ A bequest of $1,000.00 will enable my church or Conference to receive a contribution amounting to $1.00 a week from me in perpetuity, so that I shall have part in the extension of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the long days that are ahead.

¶ The line shall not break where I stand.

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